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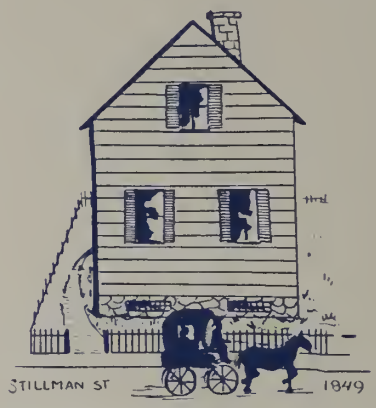
The Old Order Changeth

Present St. Mary's School — 1949



Present Boston Academy — Granby Street — 1949

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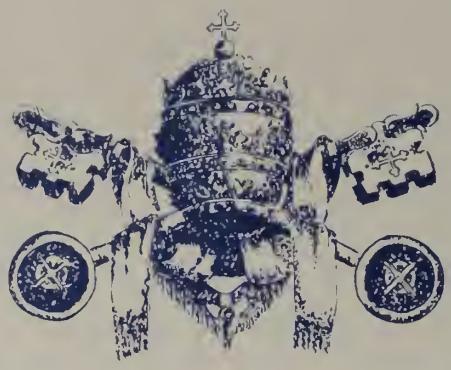
New St. Mary's — Upper Church

The Bells of St. Mary's . . .

Old St. Mary's



Reverend Sister Marie Joseph, S.N.D., Provincial
Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur
Reverend and dear Sister:

On this memorable occasion of the celebration of the Centenary of the coming of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur to the Archdiocese of Boston, our Most Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, has very graciously deigned to bestow upon the members of the Community his special Apostolic Benediction. This Blessing is granted as a token of the paternal affection of His Holiness in recognition of the wondrous achievements for Christ of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur especially during the past one hundred years. Since Mother Julia's divine inspiration at the words, "Lumen ad Revelationem Gentium," no post has been too remote, no task too difficult for her religious daughters. The works of the Sisters have multiplied, their numbers have increased and the fruits of their labors have been abundant. This progress is especially noteworthy in the United States of America. Since the first Notre Dame foundation at St. Mary's in Boston, the Sisters have spread to eighteen Archdioceses and Dioceses in the country and have sent their members to far off missions as well. The Sovereign Pontiff's Blessing is a pledge of continued divine favor during the years which lie ahead.

While conveying this august message of the Vicar of Christ, I wish to add my own personal greetings and good wishes on this auspicious occasion so glorious in the history of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and in the history of the Church of Jesus Christ.

With sentiments of esteem and with renewed felicitations, I remain
Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠ A. G. Cicognani
Archbishop of Laodicea
Apostolic Delegate

HIS HOLINESS POPE PIUS XII

A Pontifical Institute, the Sisters of Notre Dame enjoy in a very special manner the Patronage of the Holy Father. In Notre Dame history, the Popes Pius have figured prominently.

Pope Pius VII when a prisoner at Fontainebleau was visited by Mere Julie in 1813. "We have wept together over the sorrows of the Church," exclaimed the saintly Julie Billiart.

Pope Pius X, the saintly peasant pope, placed the crown of "Blessed" on the head of the peasant maid of Cuvilly in 1906.

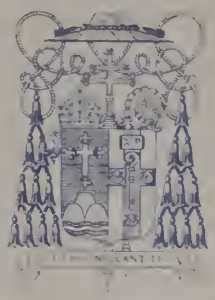
Pope Pius XI in his Encyclical on *Christian Education* in 1929 confirmed the Educational Ideals of Blessed Julie Billiart.

Today, all Notre Dame hearts are turned Rome-ward. *His Holiness Pius* XII is watching with fatherly affection the progress of Julie's Cause of Canonization. May the proclamation of Julie Billiart's sanctity add new lustre to the reign of the present "Prayerful Pius" of the Twentieth Century.

His Excellency Richard J. Cushing
Archbishop of Boston

In 1849 Bishop Fitzpatrick welcomed the first three Sisters of Notre Dame to the Boston Diocese.

In 1949 our revered Archbishop Cushing inspirits, encourages, and guides 1060 Sisters of Notre Dame engaged in the educational work of the Archdiocese.



ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE
LAKE STREET
BRIGHTON 35, MASS.

September 7, 1949

Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, Waltham

Dear Sisters:

One hundred years of prayer. So many generations of consecrated lives. Ten decades of faith and works. Untold grace won for souls and glory given to God. What a harvest! — and it is all yours in this great year of jubilee for the Sisters of Notre Dame in Boston.

I look forward to being with you and the representatives of all who love you at the Solemn Pontifical Mass at the Cathedral November eleventh. On that occasion we shall return thanks to God for His part, the principal and controlling part, in all the work accomplished in your Centenary of service here in the Archdiocese. But let me now by this letter of grateful blessing declare our thanks to you, to each and all the Sisters, for your great part in putting God's grace to work and bringing His plans to perfection. You have been true sisters of Our Lady in her predestined role of bringing Christ into the world and especially into the lives of children.

May the hundred years now gloriously concluded be but the prelude to generations of future work here in the Archdiocese of Boston! That is my prayer for you during your year of anniversary. May God grant it fulfilment!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ Richard J. Cushing

ARCHBISHOP OF BOSTON

MOST REVEREND JOHN J. WRIGHT
Auxiliary Bishop of Boston

DEAR SISTERS:

With the thousands of others throughout the Archdiocese who admire your wonderful work for God and for souls, I congratulate you on the Centenary of your coming to Boston and I join with you in thanking God for the graces of these hundred years.

It must be a source of great inspiration to all the present members of the Community to contemplate the accomplishments of these glorious years. Undoubtedly even greater triumphs in the service of the Kingdom lie ahead. Certainly all the priests and people of the Archdiocese of Boston so pray.

I know I speak for all the priests subject to our beloved Archbishop when I pledge any help we can give to the Sisters of Notre Dame for their work in the Archdiocese.

In union of prayer, I am

Faithfully yours in Christ,
MOST REV. JOHN WRIGHT
Auxiliary Bishop of Boston

The Society of Jesus

has been associated for

One Hundred Years

with

The Sisters of Notre Dame

PAROCHIALLY—From a woman's heart of love burst forth the rapturous cry, "*Ah, How Good Is The Good God!*" From a soldier's strong heart chorused the clarion call, "*To The Greater Glory of God!*" *Julie Billiart,* the woman, and *Ignatius of Loyola,* the soldier, because they loved so greatly, founded two religious orders: the one stamped with the seal of *Notre Dame;* the other, with the insignia of *The Society of Jesus.*

SCHOLASTICALLY—Bonded by the same rule, the daughters of Julie and the sons of Ignatius, joined in closest ties of holy friendship, have accomplished a militant work for the Church.

SPIRITUALLY—Since the days of the inception and development of the Institute of Notre Dame in 1803, zealous, wise, spiritual Jesuits have ever directed, encouraged, and inspired the Sisters of Notre Dame. The history of Notre Dame's early beginnings attests this; the record of Notre Dame in Boston proves it. From the days of Father McElroy to the present time, "Notre Dame" has been guided by Jesuit directors, Jesuit teachers, and Jesuit friends.

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA
Founder of the Society of Jesus

September 8, 1949.

REVEREND AND DEAR SISTER MARIE JOSEPH,

In the name of the New England Jesuits I extend to the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur our cordial and prayerful congratulations on the Centenary of their labours in Boston.

It is a happiness to recall that the invitation of Father John McElroy, S.J., complying with the wishes of the revered Bishop Fitzpatrick, was the occasion of your original foundation in Boston. Father McElroy was the first Jesuit pastor of St. Mary's Church in the North End. And it was in response to his request that Sister Louis de Gonzague, S.N.D., and her two companions came here from Cincinnati to take charge of St. Mary's Parochial School for Girls.

Through the intervening years the Notre Dame Sisters at St. Mary's, at the Academy of Notre Dame, Emmanuel, and so many other nearby schools, have carried on the fine educational traditions of their Congregation. The prestige of these institutions bears witness to a high standard of training, to a prayerful and self-sacrificing toil and to a proud record in God's service.

It is our prayer that the Sacred Heart of Our Divine Lord may continue to bless the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and that the future may see duplicated, and even surpassed, the success of their work for the salvation of souls.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

J. J. MCELENEY, S.J.
Provincial of the New England Province

ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
468 BEACON STREET, BOSTON 15, MASSACHUSETTS
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Sister Marie Joseph, S.N.D., Provincial
Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

My dear Sister:

I am delighted with this opportunity of writing my congratulations and best wishes to the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur on the occasion of their One Hundredth Anniversary as Teachers in the Archdiocese of Boston. The record of their service among our children is a magnificent one. The pattern of sanctity and sacrifice for the eternal happiness of boys and girls transcends description.

For sixteen years I worked with your Sisters in the schools of Saint Mary's Parish in Lynn and during the last five years I have known them from my position in the Superintendent's Office. There are many things during these twenty-one years of priestly and educational life for which I have reason to be grateful but outstanding among these blessings has been the constant, competent and unmeasured cooperation of all your Sisters in my work for the temporal and eternal welfare of children.

It was members of your Institute that began the program of parochial education in this Archdiocese and all of us who are engaged in this work are deeply grateful for their presence and their labors during this century of progress in Catholic Education. May their numbers increase and their work expand through the coming years.

Yours most sincerely,

Rev. Cornelius T. H. Sherlock
Diocesan Superintendent of Schools

PAUL A. DEVER
GOVERNOR

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR
WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR SISTERS:

During the one hundred years that have passed since three sisters of your community arrived in Boston to establish a new foundation, your achievement in the spread of educational work of a high order has been outstanding.

Following in the footsteps of your preceptors and foundresses, Blessed Julie Billiart and Mother St. Joseph, you have helped to form strong characters, who, as useful members of society with deep reverence for their Creator, bring into their daily lives the spirit of true Christianity so necessary in contacts with our fellowmen.

I am very happy, as Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to have the rare privilege of congratulating you, a religious order which has done so much for the betterment of mankind in the spiritual and educational fields, on the occasion of your celebration of the Centenary of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in the Boston Diocese.

Sincerely yours,

PAUL DEVER

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DEAR SISTERS:

As one of Notre Dame's boys from St. Joseph's School, Somerville, and a co-worker in the Apostolate of Catholic Education, I am very happy to add my tribute to the saintly and scholarly Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur on the occasion of their Centenary Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston.

Blessed Mother Julie Billiart's ideals of Apostolicity, Simplicity, Obedience to Authority, and Charity are as real today in the Sisters of Notre Dame as they were in 1849 when the first Sisters came from Cincinnati to old St. Mary's.

These ideals still live in the Sisters of Notre Dame because they have zealously followed Blessed Mother Julie's spirit of the interior life, her living in God's Holy Presence, and the spiritual maxim which she so constantly emphasized and practiced: Love of God and Devotion to Duty.

The Sisters of Notre Dame have been outstanding in their ability to give solid instruction in Christian Doctrine and Christian Ethics. This was Blessed Mother Julie's way of developing Christian Mothers for Christ-like family living.

The Archdiocese of Boston should be eternally grateful to the Sisters of Notre Dame for the Christian family education which they have given to hundreds of thousands of boys and girls during the past century. We must not forget too, that the Sisters were in the forefront of Catholic Action through the Mothers' Sodalities which they so capably conducted in parish churches for many years.

Please God, Blessed Mother Julie's insistence on sound and wholesomely progressive teacher education, equal to the needs of Holy Mother the Church, will be kept alive by their fidelity to the spirit of their Holy Foundress.

I congratulate the good Sisters of Notre Dame on this very happy occasion. My earnest prayer is that the good God and His Holy Mother will continue to bless the fruits of your blessed Institute in the centuries to come. May holiness and learning continue to be inseparable from the spirit of Notre Dame. Through the intercession of Blessed Mother Julie, I pray that the Sisters and their spiritual sons and daughters will always manifest in themselves that Love of God and Devotion to Duty which is the heritage of Notre Dame.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Timothy F. O'Leary, Ph.D.,
Assistant Superintendent of Schools

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF BOSTON
MASSACHUSETTS

My Dear Friends:

In appreciation of the splendid work which the Sisters of Notre Dame have inaugurated and carried on during the century, I have prepared a special tribute which reflects not only my personal feelings, but expresses the high esteem of our people generally for our beloved Sisters.

A Tribute To the Sisters of Notre Dame

Many years ago, in Namur, Belgium, a Religious Order of devout Christian women was formed. They called themselves the "Sisters of Notre Dame." It was a small, but sacred beginning, destined to world-wide greatness, in the field of education and religious edification.

Out of Belgium, where they had trained themselves under God's guidance, a small group of Saintly Nuns came to the United States in the year 1840. They settled in Cincinnati, Ohio, and there advanced the sweet, religious, understanding and inspiring way of life which is ours today.

One hundred years have passed since those Sisters came to the City of Boston. On November 15, 1849, they established a little parochial school, St. Mary's, in Stillman Street, the North End of Boston, which is the birthplace in America of our wonderful parochial school system.

From there, in 1853, they transferred to Lancaster Street, where the little old Otis Public School had been given to them in recognition of the splendid work they were doing. In 1864, they established the first Academy for Girls in the United States in Berkeley Street — a truly wonderful innovation for girls of the Catholic Faith — but it was never limited in its true and American ideals to non-sectarianism.

Time passed on, as it always does, and in 1916 the Sisters of Berkeley Street moved to the Fenway of Boston. There, in 1919 was established Emmanuel College, the first Catholic College for Women in our beloved Boston. It is today a marvelous institution, recognized the world over for its spiritual and scholastic achievements.

The fame of Emmanuel College became so great that it was overcrowded, and so the Sisters who taught at St. Mary's went to the Roxbury Academy of Notre Dame, established in 1854, which is now their executive and home headquarters. From there each day, eight Sister Educators go to St. Mary's in the North End, to teach in the school which the Sisters of Notre Dame established a century ago.

At this time I wish to offer my heart-felt thanks to this splendid Order of Human Betterment, in heart, spirit and soul. To the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur — those who have served and gone... those who are so loyally and helpfully giving their all today ...and those understanding and sweet Sisters yet to come, I can only say, "God Bless You."

Sincerely yours,

James M. Curley

Mayor of Boston

How Good is The Good God!

Today, November 11, 1949, in the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston, thousands of consecrated women wearing the garb of Notre Dame, gather in loving thanksgiving for the blessings of their Institute through One Hundred Years. The spirit of the Pioneers of 1849 is still glowingly alive in the hearts of the Sisters of today. Lives of sacrifice and achievement are still lived out in the pursuit of the Ideal of Blessed Julie. That Ideal has been made possible chiefly by the unparalleled devotion and the deep-rooted Faith of Catholic Parents. Strong in the belief that their daughters have chosen the "Better part," mothers and fathers have generously given to the Church their most precious possessions—their children, that they may give those destined to come under their influence a more fruitful spiritual life.

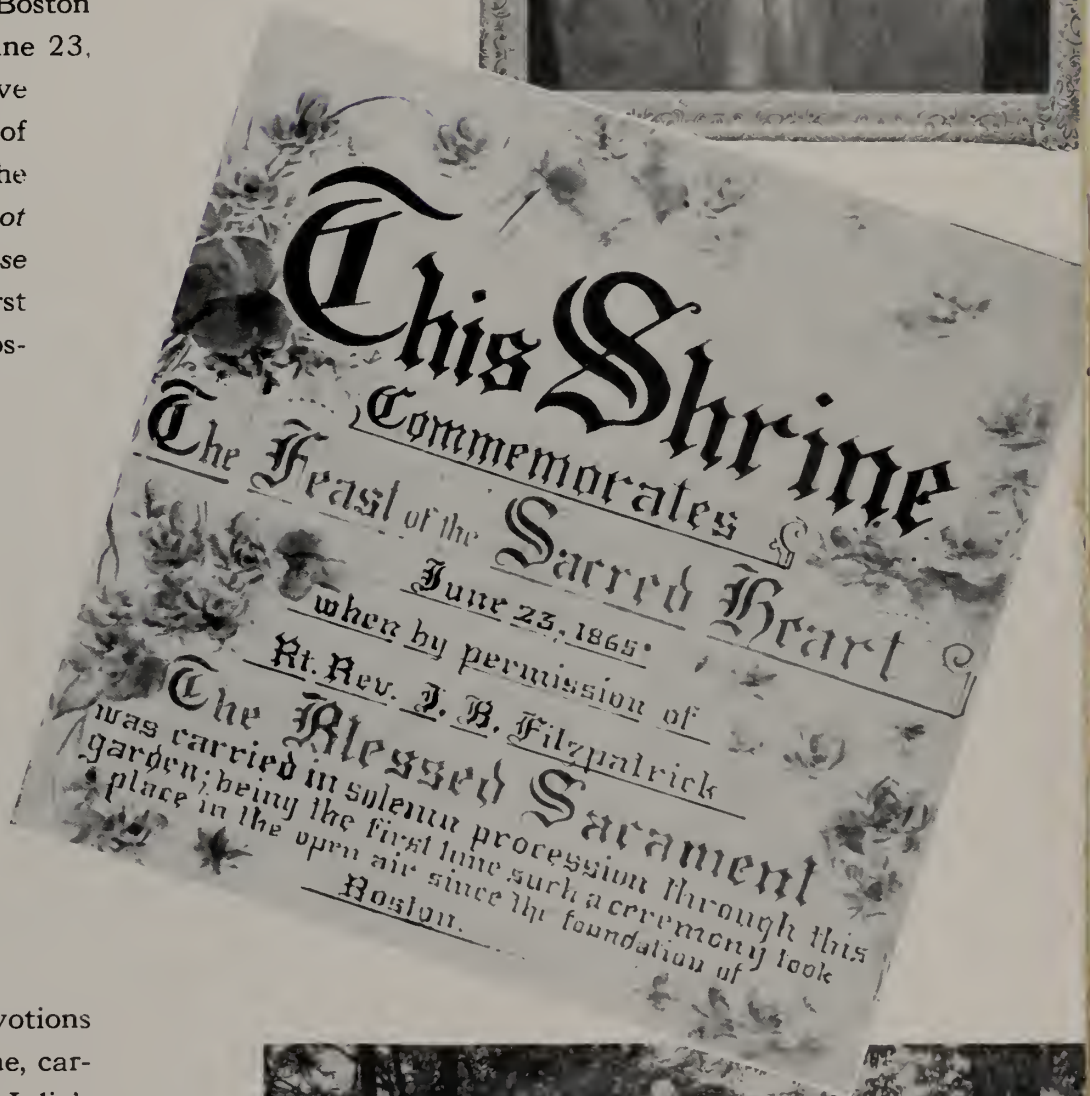
Nowhere have the Sisters of Notre Dame reaped a greater harvest of vocations than in Boston. Nowhere have parents contributed more selflessly to the family spirit so characteristic of Notre Dame than in Boston. Nowhere have mothers and fathers been more consistently great-hearted than in this great Archdiocese of Boston. Like all Boston Catholics, Notre Dame's mothers and fathers have given of their temporal possessions. But who can ever measure the cost in love and sacrifice of that supreme moment in their lives —the "parting of the ways," when parental right bowed in submission to the "Veni" of the Master. Of this, the Recording Angel alone knows the import.

A Boston mother, saying good-by to her daughter going on a Notre Dame mission to a foreign shore, epitomized the spirit of faith that animates these parents when she said: "When it comes time for me to die—I shall simply say to the Good God — 'Lord, you know I have a missionary daughter working for You in the Orient!'"

To the parents of all Notre Dame Sisters, those present today, those safe with God, we tender the recognition so richly deserved. In a paean of gratitude and praise for your unshakable faith we say, "How good is the good God!"

Peace Through Prayer

The first Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the convent chapel at Lancaster Street, Boston, took place on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, June 7, 1855. Likewise, on the Titular Feast of the Chapel at the Boston Academy, Berkeley Street, June 23, 1865, Bishop Fitzpatrick gave permission for a procession of the Blessed Sacrament in the convent garden. *This was not only for the first time in those quiet precincts,* but "for the first time in the open air since Boston exists," as the French Annalist naively expresses it.


This Shrine
Commemorates
The Feast of the Sacred Heart
June 23, 1865.
when by permission of
Rt. Rev. J. B. Fitzpatrick
The Blessed Sacrament
was carried in solemn procession through this
garden; being the first time such a ceremony took
place in the open air since the foundation of
Boston.

The Enrollment of the Sisters and Children in the Confraternity of Montmartre, the Consecration of Families to the Heart of Jesus, the daily Act of Reparation in honor of the Sacred Heart, the faithful observance of the First Fridays, the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in home and school — all are vital devotions in the Institute of Notre Dame, carrying out Blessed Mother Julia's love for the Sacred Heart.

Queen of The Angels -- Queen of The May

Sodality Organization

Devotion to the Mother of God, particularly the Recitation of the Rosary and the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin, is the characteristic devotion of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

The First Sodality of our Blessed Mother was organized by the Sisters of Notre Dame at Saint Mary's, Boston, in 1852. The Young Ladies' Sodality of the Blessed Virgin held its initial meeting on the Feast of Our Lady's Annunciation, March 25, 1852, in the school building on Stillman Street. Five years later, on the same Feast, the Married Ladies' Sodality was formed and conducted by the Sisters of Notre Dame. Sister Alphonse Marie, who replaced Sister Louis de Gonzague as Superior of Saint Mary's, Boston, was in charge of the Sodality Instructions. So much were her solid and pleasant conferences relished, that crowds of ladies, young and old, came to hear her and benefit by her words.

On May 1, 1864, the lower floor of Berkeley Street was given over to Sodality meetings, to Sunday Mass for girls remote from Churches, to Circulating Library and to Night School. In 1865, Father Robert Fulton, S.J., President of Boston College, founded the Children of Mary Sodality—Emma Forbes Carey being its first President.

One of the earliest meetings of the Sodality witnessed the baptism of a lady seventy years of age, the widow of the founder of the Church of the Advent, (Anglican High Church). She had the happiness of receiving her First Holy Communion at Berkeley Street.

Mary-like in Mind and Heart

In the Company of Our Lady

In the spring of 1869, the Sisters took charge of Sodalities for young ladies and married ladies at Saint James' Church and at the Cathedral. In both these places, Parochial Schools were opened in course of time. Saint James' was given to the Sisters of Broadway, South Boston, and has ever since remained a work of that house. The Sisters went from Berkeley Street to the Sunday School of the Cathedral for 40 years, and then retired to give their place in the new parochial school to Religious who would assume charge of all grades of boys.

By 1884, the Sodalities of Saint Joseph, Saint James, Saint Stephen, Saint Mary's, Charlestown, and the Cathedral, aggregated over 5,000 members.

It is safe to say that in every parish where the Sisters taught, triple Sodalities were formed — Married Ladies, Single Ladies, Children of Mary, and the charge of these Associations was in the hands of the Sisters until recent years, when by Diocesan authority, they passed into the care of the Clergy.

These First Sodalities of Notre Dame have more than accomplished the good which their pious projectors anticipated, and have been the Mother and Source of kindred sodalities flourishing in the parishes and schools of the Archdiocese.

Salvation Through Mary

Devotion to the Sacred Infancy

AND

The Propagation of the Faith

Devotion to the Infant King is a traditional one in the Institute of Notre Dame, an inheritance from the Blessed Foundress who ordained that a yearly Novena in honor of the Infant Jesus be made by all her Sisters at Christmas-tide.

The First Solemn Novena in the Institute to the Babe of Bethlehem was made from January 5-13, 1809, just about the time of the transference of the Mother House to Namur. So great was the consolation derived from this Novena that its memory has been perpetuated in the Institute. Every year on Christmas Day the Sisters begin the prayer of nine days around the Crib of the Infant King Who, in those far-off days, made for the first Sisters, "the crooked ways straight and the rough places plain."

On Christmas day, 1858, Holy Mass was said in the new chapel at Lancaster Street, and the house was dedicated to the Infant Jesus. The Superior, Sister Alphonse Marie, read an Act of Consecration to the Divine Infant and copies of the *Little Crown* were printed and distributed among the school children and sodalists. The Sisters of Notre Dame were among the *first* to spread devotion to the Holy Childhood and the Propagation of the Faith by the liberal distribution of the annals. Every twenty-fifth of the month it is customary in Notre Dame schools to honor the Little Infant King and to bring pennies to help the Holy Childhood.

Down the Vista of These One Hundred Years...

A CENTURY OF EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN BOSTON

The Story of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, THESE ONE HUNDRED YEARS, is synonymous with the history of Catholic Education in Boston. Pioneers of Religious Instruction in the "Hub," Founders of the First Parochial School in the Diocese, and Propagators of the Educational Ideals bequeathed to them by their Blessed Foundress, Julie Billiart, the work of these teaching Sisters holds a prominent place in the Annals of the City of Boston. The tremendous influence exerted by them in the lives of the "little ones" for one hundred years is testimony to their greatness as "Moulders of Character in the Young." Saint Mary's, Boston, their first school established in 1849, has been the Mother School of numerous other Saint Mary's, and its sphere of influence has broadened into a mighty circle — ever-widening, ever-fructifying.

In 1849, the 40,000 Catholics who lived in Boston might as well have been on a western prairie for all the Catholic Educational advantages they had. On November 5, 1849, three Sisters of Notre Dame journeyed from Cincinnati, the "Queen City of the West," to begin the first Parochial School in the Diocese of Boston. They were invited to the city by the Jesuit Pastor of Saint Mary's Church, the Reverend John McElroy, S.J. His words of welcome sound prophetic: "It remains for the Sisters of Notre Dame to train the children of this city and diocese in Christian piety."

Greater Boston Convents

Top Left — St. Gregory's, Dorchester

Middle—St. Augustine's, South Boston

Lower Left—Most Holy Redeemer, East Boston

Right — Archbishop Cushing Central High, South Boston

Lower Right — St. Joseph's, Dartmouth St., Boston

The "Valiant Trio" who comprised this community were: Sister Louis de Gonzague, Superior; and Sister Mary Stanislaus and Sister Magdalen, Teachers. The Sisters entered on their regular duties on Tuesday, November 15, with over a hundred children in two classrooms in a little frame building on Stillman Street, which served the double purpose of school and convent.

Thus the Parochial System of the Diocese began with three Sisters of Notre Dame, and one hundred and fifty children, in a small wooden building in Boston's "North End" nearly opposite Saint Mary's School today. Here, the Sisters lived and taught for three years, while the number of pupils steadily increased. A lively pen of one of the Sisters has left us a record of the uses one room had to serve in the Stillman Street house. "A corner, by being screened off, made the Superior's office; an ice-chest in the opposite corner was the cellar; a closet beside it was the pantry; another closet was the clothesroom; the sink was the washhouse; finally, a table in the center of this well-economized apartment showed that it was also a refectory. With the addition of the indispensable number of chairs, the subtraction from the floor space must have left a very small remainder."

As the number of pupils was always augmenting, it was necessary to have more room. So, in 1853, the good Father McElroy purchased from the City of Boston, the Otis Grammar School on Lancaster Street, not far from the present North Station.

Boston's Hope of Promise

In 1853, Father McElroy blessed the first stone of the new building destined for a convent and academy on Lancaster Street. On Christmas Day, 1858, Mass was said in the chapel for the first time. This chapel is the one so fondly remembered by the old parishioners of Saint Mary's, for they were allowed to assist at the Mass said there on Sundays — a rare treat for them.

Suffer The Little Children To Come Unto Me . . .

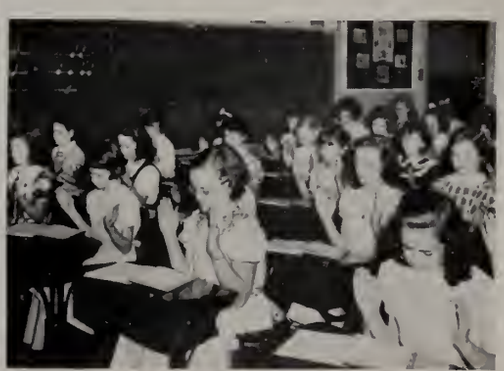
Until 1864, the Sisters lived at Lancaster Street, but in that year, because of the dampness of the house and the lack of air and sunlight, they removed to a large, handsome building on Berkeley Street, in the then sparsely settled Back Bay district. From the Convent on Berkeley Street, several Sisters went daily to teach in Saint Mary's School on Lancaster Street.

In 1884, the present Saint Mary's School on Stillman Street was erected by Father William H. Duncan, S.J.

From this humble beginning, in 1849, down to the present day, the Sisters have continued their work of education for the generations of children in Saint Mary's parish.

From Lancaster Street to Berkeley Street; from Berkeley Street to the Fenway; from the Fenway to Roxbury, the worthy successors of the valiant Pioneers of '49 have travelled daily to the lowly but fruitful Apostolate in the North End, enriching Boston's poor with the educational ideals of their Blessed Foundress. Today, eight Sisters go daily from Notre Dame Academy, Roxbury, to carry on the traditions of their predecessors.

Thus, the broad river of Grace which has flowed through the great Archdiocese for one hundred years had its Source in the early struggles and courageous perseverance of three lowly Sisters of Notre Dame.



Tribute to the Deceased Heroines

These
One Hundred Years
1849–1949

Let her works praise her in the gates! —WISDOM

Life is measured by its *Content* rather than by its *Extent*. If the deceased Sisters of Notre Dame, serene with the Wisdom of Eternity, are not above all joy and pride, they must feel a thrill to know that no warrior or merchant who ventured on the high seas ever returned with a richer cargo than they, in the wealth of souls garnered, safe-harvested at last. Vision they had, these Notre Dame Heroines. Vision wide, Vision long, Vision splendid! Zeal they had, and fostering care and gracious charity. Theirs was a spiritual development that led to Knowledge; moral development that led to Power; social development that led to Love.

Confident in the protecting power of Sisters who watch over them from the battlements of Heaven, *Notre Dame* on earth craves from them the help to grow ever upward and onward into LIGHT and PEACE ETERNAL!

Merciful Jesus, grant them Eternal Rest!

The Spirit of Notre Dame

The Institute of the Sisters of Notre Dame is a breath of the apostolic spirit fallen from the Heart of Jesus upon the heart of a woman who knew how to believe and how to love.

CARDINAL STERCKX

Interior Life of the Sisters of Notre Dame

INSPIRATIONAL: *Notre Dame* is an Apostolic Order of Sisters uniting the Active and the Contemplative life; devoting themselves to teaching in the "Company of Mary"; endeavoring to form in themselves and others —

THE SPIRIT OF MARY

THE VIRTUE OF MARY

THE STRENGTH OF MARY

THE POWER OF MARY

Exterior Works of The Sisters of Notre Dame

ASPIRATIONAL: The Institute of Notre Dame joins a deep interior life to exterior occupation. It is the Interior Life that gives to the Exterior Life its superhuman activity and efficacy.

EDUCATIONAL: A Sister of Notre Dame's highest ambition should be to give solid instruction in Christian Doctrine and in Christian Ethics.

VOCATIONAL: The Teachers of our Institute must have but one aim — by education to train up Christian mothers and Christian families, and thus save countless souls.

RECREATIONAL: Make the children love piety more by example than by precept. Let the joy of the Holy Spirit be graven in your countenance, so that you may draw souls to His service.

THE REVEREND MOTHER GENERAL
SISTER MONICA OF THE PASSION

Eleventh Superior General of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

By a happy chance the Golden Jubilee of the Mother General coincides with the Centenary of the Sisters in Boston.

Mother House, Sisters of Notre Dame, Namur, Belgium

To My Dear Sisters in the Archdiocese of Boston:

It is your privilege to celebrate the centenary of the arrival of our Sisters in Boston. You are enjoying, in a sense, the harvest of that small seed planted one hundred years ago by the three Sisters who went from Cincinnati to Boston to start the school in St. Mary's parish. On these anniversaries, the first duty is to thank God for the graces and favors He has granted during the course of so many years. His loving Providence has guided and directed the work of our Sisters, and He has protected them in their trials and difficulties. This fact should give you firm confidence for the future.

In recalling the deeds of the past, you will find many examples of holiness and heroism in the lives of our first Sisters, and these may well serve as an example for the Sisters of the present day. Although there are changes and developments in methods of teaching, there is no change in the ideal of devotedness that is the mark of a true Sister of Notre Dame. Her zeal for souls should be all the more ardent today, because of the shifting standards in the outside world which cause confusion and uncertainty in the minds of many people. Even though the modern school is equipped with many material conveniences, it may happen that there is a greater spiritual poverty in the children entrusted to your care, particularly those who have not had the background of a truly Catholic home.

As you begin the second century of Notre Dame in Boston, may God continue to bless you in your school work and in your community life. May you follow closely in the footsteps of our Blessed Lady, the Mother of God, whose one desire is to bring all souls to the knowledge and love of her Divine Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your devoted

Sister Monica of the Passion

Superior General

Cuvilly, France —
Birthplace of Mere Julie

Chapel in Garden at Namur, Belgium
Resting Place of Mere Julie

Blessed Julie Billiart

Foundress of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur
1751 — 1816

Deign, O Lord, to glorify Thy faithful servant, Blessed Julie Billiart, and place her before long among the number of Thy saints. The glory will be all Thine, and many souls will thereby love Thee more ardently and serve Thee more generously. Amen.

Notre Dame's Blessed Foundress has left behind her the greatest gift a Spiritual Mother could bequeath — a cultural inheritance that dedicates the trinity of Mind, Will, and Heart.

All quotations are culled from the *Educational Ideals* and *Counsels of Perfection* of Blessed Mother Julia — left as a priceless legacy to her daughters.

Inspirational Life

THE PATRONESS OF NOTRE DAME: All the members of this Congregation will choose the August Queen of Heaven for their Mother, their Advocate, and their Protectress before the Lord; for this reason they shall have recourse to Her with filial confidence in all their needs. —*Rules and Constitutions*

THE IDEAL OF THE SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME is expressed by their name. Our Lady in every stage of her life is the type of perfection towards which they aspire. The soul of every Sister is meant to be, as far as grace makes it possible, a copy of the pattern of perfection set by Mary. Having the happiness of bearing the name of Sisters of Notre Dame, they shall strive to imitate the virtues of their August Mother.

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF NOTRE DAME:

SIMPLICITY is the distinguishing mark:
- Simplicity in ideals
- Simplicity in community life
- Simplicity in manner of living

OBEDIENCE is the logical outcome of Simplicity:
- Obedience that is born of fidelity
- Obedience that is childlike
- Obedience that is filial

CHARITY is the Queen virtue:
- Charity, the love that springs from the Blessed Sacrament
- Charity, the bond that unites Sisters
- Charity, the mortar that cements the Institute

Notre Dame Training School
62 Newton Street
Waltham, Mass.

On High Adventure Set

In the shadow of His Wing He hath encompassed us — Ps. 56-2.

Postulate

LIFE OF PRAYER: Above all, we need souls of prayer, strongly imbued with the interior spirit, persons completely filled with the Spirit of God.

LIFE OF STUDY: The Postulants, future apostles, receive a thorough grounding in the principles of the interior life, and they study to acquire the spirit of the Institute.

LIFE OF LABOR: A strong soul, a strong mind, a strong body, are Indispensables for the proper exercise of study and manual labor which make up the days of the postulant.

Training Time—Seed Time

My inheritance is goodly to me. — Ps. 15-6.

Novitiate

LIFE OF PRAYER: The Novice sees at the outset that she must aim at becoming not merely a devoted religious teacher or a skillful aid in domestic work, but in her degree, another "Handmaid of the Lord". She is destined for a place in the glorious Company of Notre Dame in Heaven, and what she has to do on earth is meant by God to fit her for that place.

LIFE OF STUDY: Blessed Julie insisted on thoroughness in the training of both Teachers and Pupils. She urged the Sisters destined to teach, to spare neither time nor labor in preparing to become Teachers, always keeping in mind the object and purpose of their work —*Glory of God — Salvation of Souls.*

LIFE OF LABOR: The life of study and the life of labor are both nurtured by the life of prayer. "No one labors for herself in particular, but all work is done in common with greater care and gladness than if it were done merely for self."

Novices In Action

Consecrated Living

Professed Life—Love's Dedication

LIFE OF PRAYER: The Professed Sister of Notre Dame must before all, be prayerful. Hers must be a piety which unites the soul to God, makes it lean on God and work for God. A single word spoken by an interior soul is worth more than the longest sermon in the world.

LIFE OF STUDY: The Sisters shall consider it an essential duty to perfect themselves intellectually and professionally. They shall apply themselves to this work with all the diligence of which they are capable, earnestly beseeching God to purify their intention and to enable them to succeed for his glory, if that be His will.

—*Rules and Constitutions*

LIFE OF LABOR: Professed Sisters of Notre Dame labor for the salvation of souls in elementary and high schools; in academies and boarding schools; in colleges and teacher-training schools. According to their Rule, — "They shall love manual labor and all the occupations prescribed by obedience, and to these they shall subject themselves in a spirit of penance."

The 1849'er

Extracts From the Diary OF THE Early Sisters in Boston

1849 – 1870

The 1949'er

1849 First Parochial School in Boston — Saint Mary's, November 15

1850 First three Sister Missionaries added to the Community of Pioneers.
First Visitation of the Superior Provincial, Sister Superior Louise.

1852 First Sodality of Our Lady, March 25

1853 First Moving Day to Lancaster Street
First Academy of Notre Dame at Lancaster Street
First Visit from the Papal Nuncio, Monsignor Bedini.
Bishop Fitzpatrick boasted that he had the only Catholic School in the Diocese.

1854 First Retreat of the Sisters at Roxbury, August 7

1855 First Real Estate — 1984 ft. of land at $2.50 a ft. bought.

1857 First Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1859 First Mass said in new chapel at Lancaster Street, November 11.

1864 First Opening of Berkeley Street, September 12

1865 First Sodality Meeting at Berkeley Street,— May, Our Lady's Month
First open air Procession of the Blessed Sacrament in Boston, June 3

1870 First appearance of the Notre Dame Bus in the streets of "Modern Athens".

Progress Personified — 1949

The First Catholic College for Women In New England

In 1919 Emmanuel College was opened. On the occasion of its dedication, His Eminence, William Cardinal O'Connell said:

"It was with just pride and joy that we welcomed the announcement of the opening of Emmanuel College, and saw in that achievement another golden and inspiring page added to the History of Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Boston.

Founded for the spiritual and intellectual instruction of Catholic young ladies, wisely directed and carefully watched over by the faithful daughters of Notre Dame, Emmanuel College cannot but merit the protection and blessing of God and be another jewel reflecting the glory of Holy Mother Church.

With happy anticipation, we look upon these auspicious beginnings, and rejoice in the firm conviction that one day, not far distant, Emmanuel College will take her place as one of America's finest and largest colleges for young ladies."

Educational Heights Scaled
Degree Day
Emmanuel College

Aspirational Life

We need magnanimous souls for our sublime vocation; we must have the hearts of apostles—
BLESSED MOTHER JULIA

EDUCATIONAL:
Mother Julia announced the opening of the first Free School of Notre Dame in a manner which recalls Saint Francis Xavier's method. She tested the simplicity and obedience of a Novice and a Postulant by sending them into the neighboring streets, bell in hand, to proclaim the good tidings: "You are notified that the Sisters of Notre Dame have opened a free school for girls. Go and tell your Parents about it." Thus began Notre Dame's great educational system.

VOCATIONAL:
To wield the rosary, the pen, the needle and the broom; to form Christian Mothers and Christian Families, and thus save countless souls — This is the Apostolate of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

RECREATIONAL:
Let education apply itself to securing for the body that vigor, health, and manual skill, which are such powerful aids to the well-being of the individual... The teachers should give the children adequate opportunity for pleasurable activity, gardens of their own to cultivate, walks in the country, recreational games, and supervised play.

Educational Life

It is no small thing to have the guidance of souls. It is worth more than to rule worlds.

—Blessed Mother Julia.

Notre Dame trains *Catholic Youth* in the complete Catholic tradition, making Christian Education available for the poorest and stimulating the great virtues of the heart,- Equality, Justice and Charity.

Equality:

In Jesus Christ, we are all one nation. The classes of poor children ought to be the first and most important part of our flock.

Justice:

If you form hearts on the teaching of the Gospel, you will make souls become great. Let the foundations of the lives of the children be laid on solid practical faith.

Charity:

We must love our children because they are created to the image of God. It is Charity that tends to make people sweet, affable, and amiable,— not learning.

Rooted in the two Great Precepts, Love of God and Love of Neighbor, Notre Dame Training preaches and teaches "the meat that endureth unto life everlasting."

Spirited with the sublime ideal of the "Glory of God and the good of souls," the Foundress of Notre Dame laid down the principles of a solid, substantial, all-embracing system of Education, and her Sisters have chosen to serve and to live these principles. They are engaged in all fields of education—from kindergarten to college; in vacation schools; released-time classes and varied needs of ten foreign missions.

From Kindergarten To Graduating Class

A Century OF Catholic Education IN Boston

Gazing back through the Vista of the Century to the beginnings of the Boston Foundation, Notre Dame records with pride the unprecedented growth of its Institute. In 1849 "they came — they saw — they conquered." Today, Boston is the center of Catholic Education with its innumerable parochial schools, its flourishing academies, and its fine Catholic colleges. To this development the Sisters of Notre Dame have contributed no small part. To them Boston owes:

First Things First

First Parochial Elementary School	Saint Mary's	1849
First Catholic Night School	Saint Mary's	1852
First Sodality of Our Lady	Saint Mary's	1852
First Academy for Young Ladies	Lancaster St.	1853
First Industrial School for Girls	Saint Mary's	1858
First Private Academy (transferred from Lancaster St.)	Berkeley St.	1864
First Tabernacle Society	Berkeley St.	1881
First Hymn Books in Diocese	Berkeley St.	1887
First Catholic College for Women in New England	Emmanuel College	1919

Arts And Sciences

1849

1949

A Century of Service To Catholic Youth

Not only did the Sisters of Notre Dame in the early days in Boston conduct the Parochial Day School, but at the request of Father McElroy, they opened a Night School. It was the first of its kind in the city and its popularity was immediate. Girls came from long distances to attend it, and many who could not be in time for the secular studies, managed to get there for the religious instruction which was given at half past eight. Often three schoolrooms were needed to accommodate the pupils. This good work for souls continued for many years, until the Reverend Mother General, out of compassion for the Sisters, decided that the Community needed the evening rest and recreation and so the project had to be abandoned.

The *First Industrial School* was opened by the Sisters in 1858 at the request of Father McElroy, who thought he would have in this a sure way of protecting young girls from the dangers incidental to working shops. The Annals tell us that there was no lack of interested friends, but so great was the amount and variety of the work called for, that after eleven years of existence, the school had to be closed.

Public Speaking and Visual Education —

Emmanuel College

Emmanuel has increased and multiplied far beyond the fondest hopes of its far-sighted Founders.

On the occasion of the Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated to mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the first Boston Foundation, His Eminence Cardinal O'Connell said:

"To the Sisters of Notre Dame I give full measure of praise for the commanding position which the Catholic women of Boston hold in the Church of the United States today."

Alumnae Hall, the new Science Building, opens its portals to about 700 students in this Centennial Year of 1949.

Diocesan Statistics — 1949	
Religious Teachers in Archdiocese	3,535
Parochial and Private Elementary Schools	187
Parochial and Private High Schools	95
Colleges	6
Students Taught in Parochial and Private Schools	
Elementary	90,317
High School	20,638
Colleges	8,835

Notre Dame Statistics	
Parish Scholars Taught by Sisters of Notre Dame	25,864
College Students	1,143
Students in Academies	2,332
Sunday Scholars	15,463
Sodalists	1,888
Baptisms	104
Other Sacraments	117

Hope's Fulfillment
New Science Building
1949

Mary—Notre Dame's Benediction

These Two Hearts . . .

The two great devotions of the Institute of Notre Dame are: Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Bequeathed to the Sisters by their Blessed Foundress, these devotions form a vital part of the Spiritual Activity of the Order, and are associated in the erection of Schools and Chapels conducted by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.

The First foundation of the Sisters of Notre Dame in Boston in 1849, was an expression of this two-fold devotion. The Parochial School established by the Sisters grew up beside the Church, called Saint Mary's of the Sacred Heart, and took its name from the Church.

St. Mary's, Beverly

The First private chapel of the Sisters was the result of prayers and processions in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and was dedicated to that Loving Fount of Grace and Mercy.

St. Mary's, Lynn

Many have been the schools and convents established by Notre Dame since 1849, bearing the name of Saint Mary's and manifesting in their chapel consecrations, devotion to the Sacred Heart.

Mary — Patroness of School and Convent . . .

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

1849 Saint Mary's of the Sacred Heart, Boston
1853 Notre Dame Academy, Boston
1854 Notre Dame Academy, Roxbury
1859 Saint Mary's, Lawrence
1876 Saint Mary's, Cambridge
1881 Saint Mary's, Lynn
1888 Saint Mary's, Waltham
1900 Notre Dame du Lac, Worcester
1924 Our Lady of Presentation, Brighton
1927 Notre Dame Academy, Tyngsboro
1927 Saint Mary's, Beverly
1930 Villa Immaculata, Leominster
1949 Saint Mary's of the Sea, Marblehead

It is significant that the first school established by Notre Dame in Boston was Saint Mary's of the Sacred Heart, and the last school established in this centennial year, 1949, is Saint Mary's of the Sea, Marblehead.

The two Mission Fields conducted by the Sisters of Notre Dame of the Waltham Province, bear the name of Our Lady, also. That of Japan's High School and Junior College, established in 1924, is called *The Most Pure Heart of Mary;* that of Honolulu, is called *Our Lady, Star of The Sea;* while the Senior College of our Japanese Mission, opened in this Centennial Year in Japan, carries the name *Immaculata College.*

Our Lady, the Patroness of Notre Dame, is inseparably linked with every foundation of the Sisters.

Procession — Notre Dame Mission, Japan

Main Altar — Emmanuel College

The Sacred Heart of Jesus . . .

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was the life-long devotion of Julie Billiart, the Foundress of Notre Dame. In the archives of the Sisters at Namur, the Mother House of the Order in Belgium, are preserved the Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Promises to propagate this devotion — both in the handwriting of Julie herself.

It was through the Sacred Heart of Jesus that Julie was cured on June 1, 1804, and to the spread of the Sacred Heart Devotion, she dedicated the rest of her life. It was Julie's ready compliance with the wish of her Director that won for her a complete cure. The miracle of strength after twenty-two years of infirmities gave a fresh impulse to the Devotion to the Sacred Heart in the Institute.

Following the devotions of their saintly Foundress, the first Sisters at Saint Mary's, Boston, consecrated themselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and taught the devotion to their pupils. The Act of Consecration composed by their Foundress was their favorite prayer.

Strength Through Prayer . . .

Vocational Life

They shall train their pupils in all kinds of work helpful in the home and endeavor to develop in them a practical turn of mind together with good taste and an appreciation of the beautiful. This training as well as that given in branches exclusively intellectual, must be oriented by the Christian point of view. —*Rules and Constitutions*

Moulders of the minds of the young from the Nursery to the University, the Sisters of Notre Dame shape the destiny of souls and prepare them for life:

SOCIAL: Blessed Mother Julia did not wish her Sisters to turn out little devotees but good Christians, souls of faith unshaken by the events of life, and capable of persevering in well-doing.

RELIGIOUS: The Blessed Foundress counselled her Sisters: "You must not want to make nuns of all your pupils, but good Catholic women who will be useful members of society. Instill into them the great Gospel maxims and teach them solid piety."

CIVIC: Blessed Julie Billiart advocated a balanced program for God and country. Her advice to her Sisters was: "Talk reason to the children. Piety, yes, but begin with reason. It is the most useful thing in the world for finding the way to their hearts."

Bread of Life . . .

A CENTURY OF *Spiritual Activity*

Bring to the Lord an abundant harvest of souls, and He will inundate your own soul with the fulness of His sanctity.

—Blessed Mother Julia

Oil of Strength . . .

The Sisters of Notre Dame are destined primarily to prepare children for their First Communion, and for Confirmation, and to train them in Christian virtues. They will inspire them with devotion to the duties of their state, and will prepare young girls for the worthy reception of the Sacrament of Matrimony.— Rules and Constitutions.

Bond of Love . . .

The Heart of Jesus holds Itself responsible for the perfection of souls who forget themselves in order to spend themselves for others.

Emmanuel Brides, in Beautiful Tradition, Return to Their Alma Mater to Pledge Their Devotion to The Family Rosary.

A Century of Civic Activity

For Our Flag - For Our Faith - For Christ Our King!

Christian education today is the hope of the country, —the hope of the world. Christian education and Christian ideals alone will lead mankind in this period of unparalleled confusion into the neutral, truly patriotic, and sincerely humanitarian groups that are seeking to steady society by sound philosophy.

Blessed Mother Julia taught the true values of life. She prepared the young lady not only for civic, professional, and social life, but also for leadership in the great spiritual and secular movements that are indispensable to mankind. She wanted the pupils to think straight, to possess the intelligence to lead the masses; to know the truth; to understand and apply the principles of justice; and to separate the false from the true in all their relations with their fellowmen.

Reverence For God — Allegiance To Country — Justice Towards All Men

Hickham Field — Honolulu, Hawaii

The Apostolate OF The Catechism

What consolation for a heart which loves Jesus Christ, to form young souls for the Good God! Appreciate your happiness, my daughters, appreciate the grace of your high vocation!

—Blessed Mother Julia

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

A work very dear to the heart of every Sister of Notre Dame is the teaching of catechism in the Sunday School. Here is given the wondrous opportunity of planting in the hearts of the children the seeds of truth and virtue.

The first record of opening a Sunday School is that of 1859, when the Sisters of Notre Dame went to Holy Trinity Parish, Boston. This Sunday School formed the nucleus of a flourishing parish school. The happy and prosperous work continued until 1913, when the school and Sunday School were placed under the care of the Sisters of Saint Francis. From 1895 to 1913, Little Trinity in South Boston was also taught by the Sisters of Notre Dame.

From Lancaster Street the Sisters went to East Boston every Sunday, and Holy Redeemer Parish invited their services in 1872. In the same year the Sisters took over the Sunday Schools at Saint James, The Cathedral, and Saint John's. At the latter a parochial school was established and continued for forty years.

Catechetical Crusade

Vacation School — Honolulu, Hawaii

The Portuguese Church, awaiting the assistance of Portuguese Nuns, asked that the aid of religious instruction be given to their children. Immortal souls — eternal destinies — were at stake, and to them as well as to the struggling French congregation, and to the Italian Church in North Square, the Sisters gladly gave help.

In quick succession Sunday Schools followed in many and remote sections of Greater Boston, so remote, that the Sisters were obliged to leave after early Mass on Sunday, and bring their dinner which they ate in some secluded corner of the church basement or Town Hall, where Sunday School classes were held.

In 1878, from Berkeley Street, two Sisters went to Saint Joseph's, Boston, where today they have a flourishing school. Saint Joseph's, Somerville, called for help in 1879. In 1880, the parish school opened with an enrollment of 400 children.

The annals of the Sisters tell of the grandeur of Saint Cecilia's Sunday School opened in 1900 and still flourishing. There were, the writer says, "real carpets in the aisle."

Broadway, South Boston, has been the Parent of many Sunday Schools: Gate of Heaven, Saint Vincent's, Saint Monica's, Holy Rosary, Saint Margaret's, Saint Gregory's, Saint Mark's, and even in the early days, Saint Charles', Woburn and Saint Mary's Dedham.

St. Mary's, Lawrence, Reflects Its Fruitful Apostolate
In Numerous Sunday and Vacation Schools

Vacation School — Notre Dame, Connecticut

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

Notre Dame Academy, Roxbury, has had a long glorious record of achievements in Sunday School work. In a Christlike Crusade for the souls of youth they have lent their untiring efforts at Marcella Street Home, Saint Joseph's, Saint Francis de Sales, All Saints, Saint Mary of the Angels, Roxbury; Saint Mary's, Saint Aidan's, Brookline; Immaculate Conception, Malden; Saint Bernard's Concord; Saint Brigid's, Lexington; Saint George's, Saxonville; Saint Joseph's, Lincoln

Eager to pour out the love of God's children into the Chalice of God's Love, that from it may flow lasting benefits, the Sisters of Emmanuel College have walked with youth for the sake of Christ at Saint Stephen's, Boston; Corpus Christi, Auburndale; Saint Ann's, Boston; Infant Jesus, West Roxbury; Saint Teresa's, Watertown.

Vacation Schools are a need born of the times. Pastors in rural districts, gravely concerned for the spiritual welfare of their children, resolved to set aside a few weeks

Campaigning for Christ

Released Time Classes

of the summer vacation for supervised religion classes — held generally by Religious Teachers. In this glorious work the Sisters of Notre Dame have a part. Vacation schools are held in full swing in Connecticut, in Salem and Pelham, N. H.

Following the plan of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, definite aims and objectives are determined. Visual aids, projects, and close contacts with teachers, bring results not possible in the brief Sunday School period.

Today, *Released Time* has been put into effect in many of the schools. The instruction imparted in these classes has been a distinct boon in bringing children of careless parents to Religion classes.

It is in such little patches of Blessed Mother Julia's vast garden that the sweetest flowers grow, and that tenderest consolations are gathered to the hearts of those in charge. But the greatest reward of such noble efforts to spread God's Kingdom in Sunday School has been in many instances, the happy resultant of Parochial Schools where unremittingly, the Sisters can defend the Church and her teaching by propagating Christian truth, by strengthening the Mystical Body of Christ, and so help the laity to care for the interest of God and souls. This is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful in our sight.

Tabernacle Society of Boston

A Charity dear to the loving Heart of Christ: the Adornment of His Altars, and the Encouragement of His Priests.

The First Tabernacle Society in Boston was organized under the auspices of the Sisters of Notre Dame in 1881. The charter members were all from the Sodality of the Children of Mary. In its early days it was known as the Association of Perpetual Adoration and Work for Poor Churches. The first vestments and linens were made for a struggling French congregation in Boston. Today it holds the title of the Tabernacle Society of Boston, and has its headquarters at Emmanuel College. The Stations of the Cross and the windows in the Chapel at Emmanuel were gifts of The Tabernacle Society.

The prime motive of its members is Perpetual Adoration; the secondary motive is work for poor churches. The labors of the group are motivated by Love for the Divine Service. Under the aegis of our Revered Archbishop, and the untiring direction of its Moderator, a Sister of Notre Dame, countless foreign and home Missions have been and still are fittingly supplied with vestments and with accessories necessary for Divine Worship. Since 1942, The Tabernacle Society has been truly the Angel of the Agony to countless poor priests whose missions were virtually destroyed during the war.

Statistics

THE TABERNACLE SOCIETY SERVES TWELVE RELIGIOUS ORDERS

Benedictines	Jesuits	Passionists
Columban Fathers	La Salette Fathers	Redemptorists
Franciscans	Maryknoll	Sacred Heart Fathers
Holy Ghost Fathers	Oblates of Mary Immaculate	Society of the Divine Word

IN TWENTY-FIVE COUNTRIES

All parts of the U. S.	Egypt	Oceania
Alaska	Hawaiian Islands	Panama
Bahama Islands	India	Philippines
Bermuda	Iraq	Rhodesia
Canada	Japan	Samoan Islands
Central America	Madagascar	South Africa
China	Malay Peninsula	South America
Congo	Mexico	West Indies
	Newfoundland	

. . . furnishing them with altar accessories of all kinds. Since 1942, the Society has sent to missions stripped in war, articles to the number of 26,800

Albs	500	Chasubles	1,700	Maniples	1,300
Altar Cloths	1,100	Cinctures	600	Rosaries	1,500
Amices	1,000	Copes	200	Sacred Vessels	260
Burses	1,900	Corporals	2,000	Stoles	2,000
Chalice Veils	1,300	Linens	11,200	Surplices	240

Kits — Mass - Invasion - Benediction 550

Alumnae Associations

THE FLOWERING OF NOTRE DAME TRAINING

Courage, then, Catholic women and girls! Work without ceasing, without allowing yourselves ever to be discouraged by difficulties or obstacles. May you be, under the standard of Christ the King, under the patronage of His wonderful Mother, restorers of homes, family, and society. —*Pope Pius XII*

Thoroughness and efficiency in the fields of religious and secular education alike, have won for the Institute of Notre Dame a high place among Christian Educators. Graduates of Notre Dame schools, permeated with the same apostolic ardor of their Class Teachers, have organized active Alumnae groups participating in almost every kind of religious and secular endeavor for the betterment of Society and the spread of Catholic action. There is scarcely a profession in which Notre Dame Alumnae have not shown conspicuous leadership. Numerous representatives in the Teaching Field, in Social Service and in Vocational Guidance, carry on the work of sowing and nurturing the seeds of truth and right by voice and pen. They have successfully engaged in Nursing, Medicine, Chemistry, and related Sciences; Fine Arts, Literature, Music, and Dramatics. Into every possible sphere of influence they have gone forth to "Campaign for Christ."

The Spirit of Notre Dame is the same the world over. United in a noble cause, bound by ties of piety and faith, they promote the welfare of Notre Dame in National and International Federations, pledging allegiance to the Ideals of Notre Dame, and engaging in varied works of Catholic Action.

Devoted Alumnae of Notre Dame have met the test, proving themselves worthy daughters of a loving Mother; preserving in their training that distinctive character which has produced fruit for One Hundred Years!

The First Graduating Class of Boston Academy of Notre Dame

Mary C. McElroy, Seventh Grade Pupil at Notre Dame Academy, Roxbury, and great-grandniece of the Reverend John McElroy, S.J., who brought the Sisters of Notre Dame to Boston in 1849 views the Exhibit of Work of Notre Dame Schools which won first prize at the Columbian Exposition — World's Fair, 1893.

THE *Apostolate* OF THE *Pen...*

Notable Achievements In Literature

- Published Theses
- Collegiate Periodicals
- Secondary School Publications
- Primary Publications
- Biography
- Spiritual Works
- Ascetical Works
- Church Music
- Notre Dame Hymnals
- Leaflet Literature
- Notre Dame Quarterly

Notre Dame Publications

Fully conscious of the power of the Press as an Educator, the Sisters of Notre Dame have, to a large extent, embraced the two-fold task of the Catholic Press; that of setting in order, and that of shaping. Whatever the Sisters of Notre Dame have contributed to the written word has been measured in the Catholic scale of values. All the literary works of Notre Dame provide the reader with such thoughts as, with the assistance of divine grace, are best calculated to develop in him the ideas, attitudes, and habits which are demanded for Christlike living.

Today, when the tendency is to set too much of a premium on the intellectual ability alone, at the expense of the more valuable moral virtues, Notre Dame's Apostolate of the Pen, mightier than the sword, works as a spiritual leaven in the vital and dynamic work of Catholic Education.

The literary contributions of the Sisters are varied and numerous:

Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel — Japan
Where all Benefactors of Missions are prayerfully remembered

Affiliated Associations of Notre Dame

For whatever Catholics do in promoting and defending the Catholic School for their children, is a genuinely religious work, and therefore an important task of CATHOLIC ACTION. *For this reason, the Associations which in various countries are so zealously engaged in this work of prime necessity, are especially dear to our Paternal heart, and are deserving of every commendation.*
POPE PIUS XI

The spring must always be preferred to the streams that flow from it. Hence, we must give full meed of praise to those devoted men and women of Saint Mary's Parish who deemed it a privilege to help the Sisters in their every need. In 1862, they sponsored a mammoth Fair for the new Convent for the Sisters, and netted the amount of $10,000. When the Boston Academy was opened on Berkeley Street in 1864, these same parishioners of Old Saint Mary's, staunch "Northenders," fathers, mothers, sodalists, rallied to the help of the Sisters. Devoted men carted furniture across the city. Women and girls scrubbed the windows and doors of the entire house. Men and women alike generously gave of their meager earnings to equip small rooms in the Academy. They bore no badge of organization — nor were they buttressed by an organizational name, but surely they were the roots from which have sprung our present day Societies:

NOTRE DAME LEAGUES — NOTRE DAME MOTHERS' CLUBS
NOTRE DAME PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS — NOTRE DAME GUILDS

so helpful in the development and maintenance of our present school system. When Notre Dame is in need, like fairies of Aladdin's genie, forth they come, these never-failing supporters of Catholic Education. Brightly they shine amid the *Hundred Years* of Notre Dame's crown.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to reward with Eternal Life all those who do us good.

Recreational Life . .

The time and place of recreation is quite as important as prayer.
—Blessed Mother Julia

The Foundress of Notre Dame was ahead of her times in stressing the advantages of supervised recreation. Her solicitude extended to the temporal needs of her Sisters as well as to their spiritual and intellectual wants. She arranged that every Convent of Notre Dame should have a garden where the Sisters could take their recreation and enjoy the fresh air and sunshine. At the Abbaye-aux Bois in Belgium, the Sisters had only a tiny garden. They had, however, the use of a large paved court. One day the Superior conceived the idea of taking up the paving-stones and turning the court into a potato field. This was done, and the potato plants were just showing themselves above the ground when Julie arrived at the convent. She reproached the Superior for her lack of confidence in God. "Are you going to deprive the Sisters of light and fresh air when already their food is insufficient?" So saying, she bade the children skip and jump on the potato shoots and then ordered the paving-stones to be replaced.

The Art of Entertainment

Group Recreation Coordinated Education

Provincial House of the Waltham Province, 62 Newton Street, Waltham, Mass.

Foundations of the Sisters of Notre Dame
Waltham Province

ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON

	FOUNDATIONS	STUDENTS
1849	St. Mary's, Boston	326
	Boston Academy (1931)	121
1852	Lowell	803
1854	Roxbury	564
1859	Lawrence - St. Mary's	1037
1860	East Boston	1274
1860	South Boston - Broadway	1091
1876	Cambridge	2391
1878	St. Joseph's - West End (Dartmouth Street)	734
1878	Salem	608
1881	Lynn	1495
1881	Somerville	1271
1884	Woburn	871
1888	Pond Street - Waltham	1129
1889	Waltham - Novitiate	
1893	Peabody	872
1895	South Boston-E Street	1013
1914	Andover	376
1916	Emmanuel College	737
1918	Hudson	490
1921	Dorchester - St. Gregory's	1314
1923	Lawrence - St. Lawrence	376
1924	Brighton	765
1926	Dorchester - St. Mark	856
1927	Beverly	591
1927	West Newton	525
1927	Tyngsboro	471
1928	Lawrence - Holy Rosary	478
1929	Beverly Farms	143
1946	Lawrence - St. Augustine	359
1947	Lawrence - St. Rita	617
1949	Marblehead	131

DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD

1867	Chicopee	411
1872	Worcester - Vernon Street	971
1877	Springfield	878
1900	Worcester - Rest House	
1930	Leominster	177

DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE

1891	Providence	632

DIOCESE OF HARTFORD

(Catechetical Work)

1941	Westport	430
1945	Hamden	340
1946	New Haven-St. Aedan	375
1947	New Canaan	367
1948	New Haven-St. Boniface	217

DIOCESE OF PORTLAND, ME.

1940	Peaks Island, Me. (Vacation House)	

Notre Dame Academy, Roxbury

Notre Dame Academy, Tyngsboro

Notre Dame the World Over

Mother Julia, you are not intended for one diocese.
Your vocation is to go all over the world.

—Prince Bishop Maurice de Broglie of Ghent, 1806

The Institute of Notre Dame numbers 5,000 Sisters who are established in 250 Convents in 10 countries throughout the world.

America	Scotland	Hawaii
Belgium	Italy	South Africa
England	China	Belgian Congo
	Japan	

In the United States alone the Sisters of Notre Dame have foundations in

SEVEN ARCHDIOCESES

Boston	Cincinnati	Philadelphia
Baltimore	Chicago	San Francisco
	Washington	

TEN DIOCESES

Brooklyn	Los Angeles	Providence
Columbus	Monterey-Fresno	Raleigh
Hartford	Portland	Sacramento
	Springfield	

Supervised Recreation

The Sisters should be the Guardian Angels of their pupils. BLESSED MOTHER JULIA

Everything connected with morals and the safeguarding of innocence had Julie's most vigilant care. Hence she was exceedingly strict about supervision. Once, when she was making her visitation at Zele where there were then only four Sisters, she perceived at dinner hour that they were all present in the refectory. After saying Grace she left the table, and as some time passed without her coming back, they went to look for her. They found her in the midst of the children who, living in the country, brought their lunch with them and were taking it in the courtyard. The Sisters gave an exclamation of surprise,"Yes, Daughters," said Julie gravely; "I am watching over your children whom you leave to themselves. You should be the *Guardian Angels* of your little ones."

Catholic Youth on Parade

The Great Outdoors

God's Playground

Recreational Sport

The Century Complete

Only they who run win the prize. We must run to our last breath in the way of perfection; spend ourselves till death for the souls entrusted to us.

—Blessed Mother Julia

A Record of Hopes and Achievements! Hopes conceived in Love and Devotion! Hopes realized in Labor and Sacrifice! Hopes crowned by Good Works and Accomplishments!

This Is The Story Of Notre Dame's Century Complete!

A Record of Achievements often characterized by a chain of apparent defeats! Achievements won by disappointments bravely borne, difficulties overcome! Achievements which defied poverty; or which, though sensible to its blight and pain, accepted it unflinchingly! Achievements of thousands of Sisters of Notre Dame whose deeds though uncrowned in their lifetime, have attained their recognition in the social and religious advancement of womankind.

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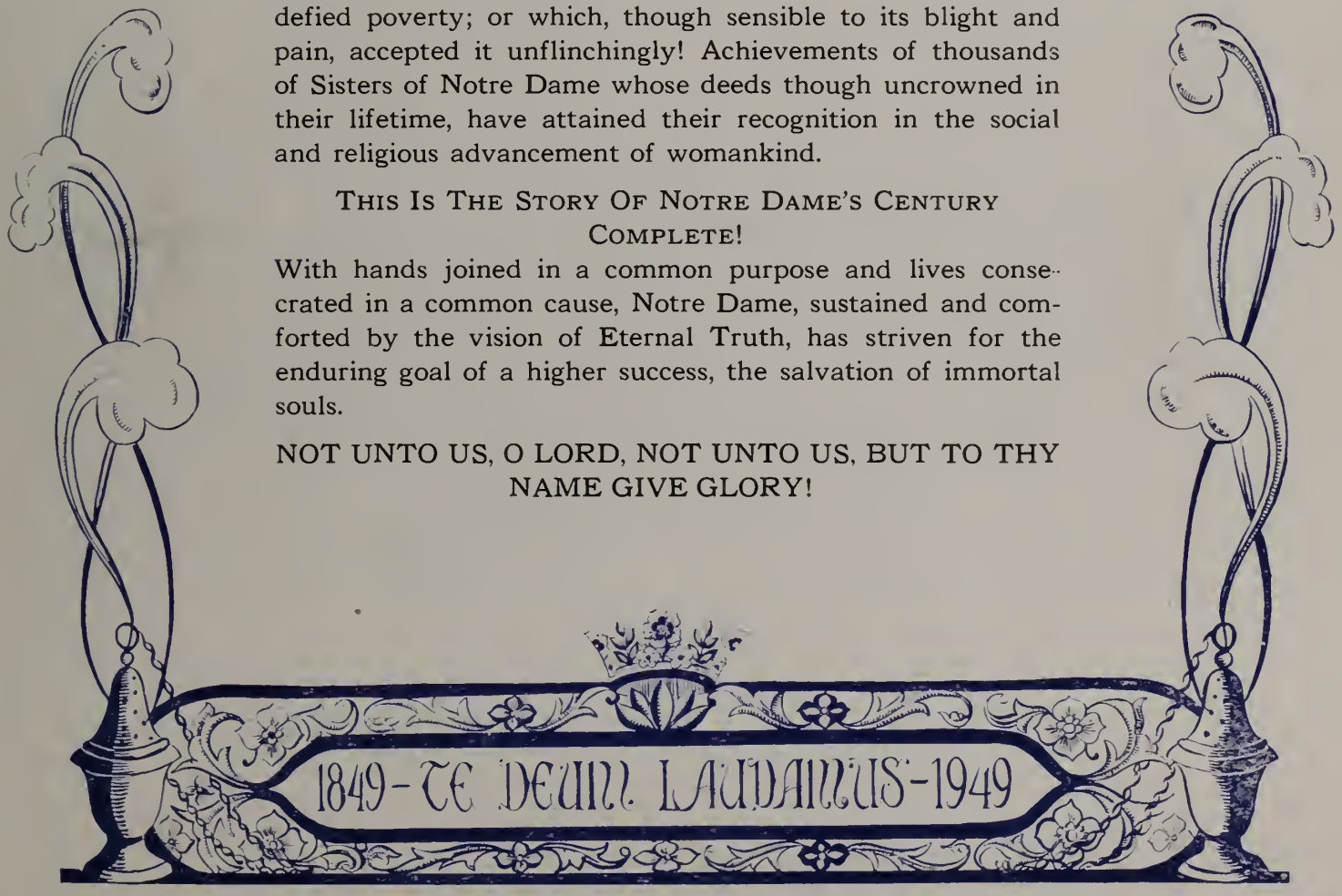
With hands joined in a common purpose and lives consecrated in a common cause, Notre Dame, sustained and comforted by the vision of Eternal Truth, has striven for the enduring goal of a higher success, the salvation of immortal souls.

NOT UNTO US, O LORD, NOT UNTO US, BUT TO THY NAME GIVE GLORY!



Harvesting Souls in Mission Fields of Africa and Hawaii

Far-Flung Fields

Wuchang, China, sponsored by the Mid-West Province, was opened in 1929. The Sisters succeeded in awakening their students to the fact that true culture aims at intellectual pre-eminence. Unfortunately, this mission was closed in 1948 when the government was seized by the Communists.

The house in Rome, international in character, became a reality in 1931. The poorest children, in number about 1100, benefit daily by the care of the Sisters, who are engaged also in the instruction of adults.

Helping The Missions With Stamps

Honolulu, the latest mission established in 1946, welcomed five Sisters from Boston. In the course of three years, the number of children has been increased to 500. Catechetical Centers have been opened at Hickham Field for the children of Army officials. Two Postulants from Honolulu are now being trained for the Religious life at the Provincial House of Studies at Waltham.

Another View of Mission Exhibit

In foreign lands, the Light continues to illumine hearts eager for the word of God.

May It Shine
Unto Light Eternal!

Notre Dame Mission Exhibit

Notre Dame Missions

First Postulant
In New Japan
Novitiate

"A Light to the Revelation of the Gentiles" the Sisters of Notre Dame have been. By God's grace and through the medium of apostolic hearts, missions in foreign lands have been entrusted to them.

In 1898 the Sisters in England ventured forth to British South Africa, where today they have five houses. Here, to the usual course of elementary education are added Industrial and Domestic Science Courses.

Since 1894 The Belgian Congo has given welcome to five homes of Notre Dame. Primary and Domestic schools impress upon the minds of the girls the grandeur and responsibility of their future work as Christian Mothers. Infant welfare and care of the sick are given a place of importance in the training of the girls.

The Waltham Province opened the mission in Japan in 1924. Undaunted by the many obstacles encountered to secure Government recognition, the Sisters at Okayama today boast of a Junior and Senior College — Immacluata in name — with a registration of over 700 girls. Six native Sisters swell the ranks of the Faculty and it is expected that a second foundation will soon be made at Hiroshima.

Extending the Frontiers of Christ in Foreign Lands . . .

Newly Baptized Japanese Students

CINCINNATI — CALIFORNIA — BALTIMORE PROVINCES

(*) No. of parishes in which the Sisters have schools.

Cincinnati (8)	Dayton (10)	Dayton University	The Atneneum	Reading (5)
Columbus (7)	Hamilton (5)	Wyoming, Ohio	Logan	Chicago (5)
Ilchester	Parkville	Brooklandville	Stevenson	Brooklyn
Queens Village	Ridgewood	Washington (4)	Trinity College	Gaithersburg
Hyattsville	Philadelphia (4)	Moylan	Collegeville	Wyncote
Villanova	Southern Pines (2)	Saratoga	San Francisco (2)	San Jose (4)
Alameda	Santa Clara	Redwood City	Belmont	Marysville
College of N. D.	Chico	Watsonville	Santa Barbara	Carmel
Belmont	Salinas	Los Angeles		

BELGIAN PROVINCE

Namur — 1807

Jumet	Dinant	Braine-le-Comte	Flobecq	Salzinnes
Ghent	Thuin	Ixelles	Quaregnon	Merxem
Saint Hubert	Bastogne	Marche	Charleroi	Lodelinsart
Zele	Philippeville	Hornu	La Calamine	Antwerp
Gembloux	Berchem	Tirlemont	Dison	Borgerhout
Fleurus	Brussels	Arlon	Molenbeck	Westmalle
Andenne	Chimay	Anderlecht	Saint-Gilles-Waes	Louvain
Liege	Jemappes	Ecaussinnes	Gohissart	Rome

ENGLISH PROVINCE

Penryn	Manchester	St. Helen's	Battersea	Worth
Clapham	Northampton	Plymouth	Glasgow	Teignmouth
Liverpool	Wigan	Norwich	Leeds	Dumbarton
(Training School)	Southwark	Birkdale	Oxford	Inverness
Liverpool	Sheffield	Everton Valley	Wadhurst	Fort Williams
(Orphanage)	Blackburn	St. George's-London	Ashdown - Novitiate	

FOREIGN MISSIONS

British South Africa

Empandeni	Martindale	Embakwe	Kisantu	Lemfu
Kroonstad	Chikuni	Somerset West	Ngidinga	Mpese

Belgian Congo

Japan

Okayama-High School
Okayama-Immaculata College

China

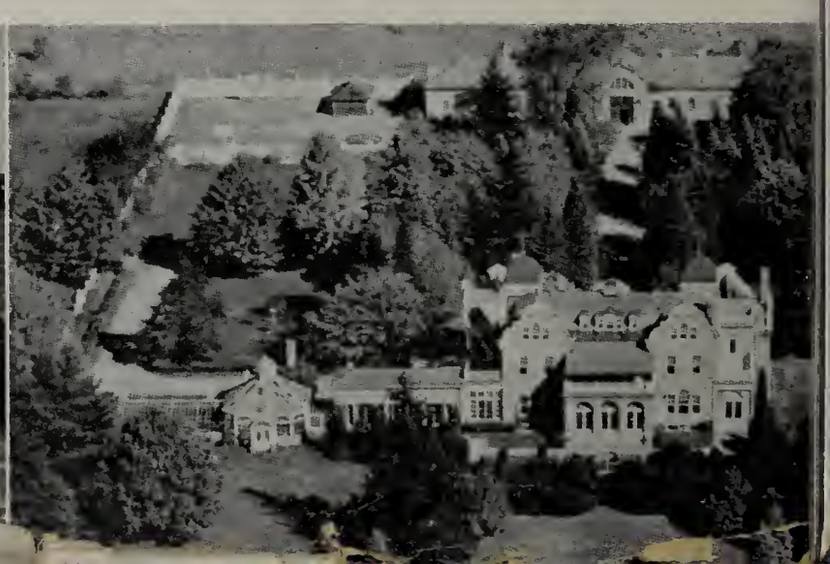
Wuchang

Hawaii

Honolulu

Notre Dame du Lac — Worcester, Mass.

Villa Immaculata — Leominster, Mass.



One Hundred Years ago three Sisters of Notre Dame opened the portals of Christian culture in Boston.

Today One Hundred Years later the portals close on the Achievements of a Century.

May the fulfillment of the past be promise of the rich possibility of the future!

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